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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

This paper and the accompanying Request for Continued Examination (RCE) are being submitted in response to the pending Final Office Action of May 27, 2005, and also in response to the Advisory Action which Applicant understands is being issued by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office today or tomorrow. As discussed today in a telephone conversation among Examiners Hanh Nguyen and Hassan Kizou and the undersigned, Applicant understands that the Advisory Action specifies a time period for reply that expires today, in accordance with MPEP 706.07(f), in recognition that Applicant timely submitted a response within two months of the date of the pending Final Office Action, and in recognition that November 27, 2005 was a Sunday.

Accordingly, Applicant understands that no extension of time is required for the filing of this paper and the accompanying RCE. If however, an extension of time is necessary to allow a timely filing of these papers, such an extension of time is hereby requested and any necessary fees may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 502306.

Further examination and reconsideration are respectfully requested in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Specification begin on **page 3** of this paper.

No Amendments to the Drawings are present in this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on **page 4** of this paper.

Remarks begin on **page 18** of this paper.